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摘 要

本论文运用电化学循环伏安、原位红外反射光谱等技术研究了碱性介质中乙二醇(EG)在Pd电极上的电氧化过程,着重探索乙二醇氧化的C2物种和不同浓度乙二醇的电氧化机理并对反应产物进行定量分析。另外采用方波电位法在本体Pt上电沉积枝晶状Pt薄膜,以CO为探针分子,运用原位红外光谱研究薄膜的特殊红外性能,并获得粗糙度较大且具有显著红外增强效应的枝晶Pt薄膜,在该Pt薄膜电极上,运用原位红外光谱,检测乙醇和氨电氧化过程中产生低覆盖的中间体。主要结果如下:

1、碱性介质中乙二醇在Pd上电氧化主要生成 CO_2 (碳酸根),乙醇酸,乙二醛,乙醛酸,草酸;在很高电位 ($>0.4\text{ V}$),有甲酸根的生成。在低电位区,乙二醇会解离吸附,产生桥式吸附态的CO (CO_B)。在四个C2中间体中,草酸根很稳定,乙醇酸,乙二醛和乙醛酸可进一步发生氧化,但其反应选择性是不一样的,乙醇酸和乙二醛更易生成碳酸根,而乙醛酸生成草酸根。乙二醇电氧化的循环伏安峰电流随着乙二醇浓度增加而增大,峰电位正移,且反应选择性也随浓度而发生变化: 2 mM EG , 主要生成 CO_3^{2-} ; 20 mM EG , 主要生成 CO_3^{2-} 和 $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$; 高浓度 (0.1 M 和 1 M EG), 主要生成 CO_2 , 乙醇酸和乙醛酸。

2、采用方波电位法成功制备出枝晶状结构的Pt薄膜。随着电沉积时间的增加,薄膜厚度、枝晶上纳米粒子团聚程度,以及电极粗糙度都逐渐增大。Pt薄膜电极上吸附态CO的红外谱峰形状随沉积时间的增加,发生如下变化: 谱峰为向下 (0 min , 即本体Pt) \rightarrow 左高右低的双极峰 (3 min) \rightarrow 向下增强红外吸收 (6 min) \rightarrow 左高右低的双极峰 (9 min) \rightarrow 向上异常红外 (12 min) \rightarrow 左低右高的双极峰 (15 min) \rightarrow 向下增强红外吸收 (18 min)。增强红外效应和异常红外效应可以通过两类Fano双极峰相互转化,这表明纳米材料薄膜所呈现出的特殊红外性能与纳米材料的尺度和聚集状态等密切相关。

3、方波处理时间为 6 min 时,所得到的枝晶状Pt电极同时具有较大的粗糙度

($R_f = 14$)和显著的红外增强效应 (增强因子为10), 吸附态CO的红外谱峰强度可达到 $\Delta R/R=0.20$, 远大于本体Pt (0.006) 和传统铂黑电极 (0.046), 运用该枝晶状Pt薄膜电极作为研究电极, 可以用来检测电催化反应过程产生的一些低覆盖度的中间体。例如对于吸附态CO, 可以检测到位于 2450cm^{-1} 的Pt-C键和C-O的非常微弱的组频峰; 乙醇在Pt上电氧化主要产生 CO_2 和乙酸, 吸附态物种除了观察到CO, 还可以检测到吸附态的乙酸根, 位于 1400cm^{-1} 。 NH_3 在Pt电氧化产生吸附态物种 $\text{NH}_{2,\text{ads}}$, 位于 1240cm^{-1} , 并用 $^{15}\text{NH}_3$ 同位素实验进行确认, 该物种是产生 N_2 的活性中间体。

关键词: 原位红外光谱; 电催化; 电氧化机理; 枝晶状 Pt 薄膜; 特殊红外性能;

Abstract

In this thesis, EG electrooxidation on a bulk Pd electrode in alkaline media was studied by cyclic voltammetry (CV) and *in situ* FTIR spectroscopy (*in situ* FTIRS). The emphasis was placed on the exploration of the mechanism of electrooxidation of EG and its C2 derivatives, as well as the effect of EG concentrations, through a quantitative spectral analytic method developed by our group's method. Besides, we successfully prepared dendritic Pt thin film on a bulk Pt by square wave potential. Using adsorbed CO as a molecular probe, we studied the anomalous infrared properties of these kinds of thin films, and obtained a dendritic Pt thin film electrode with significant IR enhancement. We further applied this dendritic Pt thin film to detect low-coverage intermediates produced from some electrocatalytic reactions (such as ethanol oxidation and ammonia oxidation). The main findings are as following:

1. *In situ* FTIR spectroscopic studies demonstrated that EG electrooxidation on Pd produces a series of solution species, such as glycolate, glyoxal, glyoxylate, oxalate, CO_2 (CO_3^{2-}), and formate in 0.1 M EG + 0.1 M NaOH. Besides solution species, adsorbed species, i.e., bridge-bonded CO (CO_B) can be observed. Some C2 species can be oxidized further, but the selectivity shows great difference. Glycolate and glyoxal show higher catalytic activity than glyoxylate, yielding more carbonate, while only glyoxylate can yield formate at the potential higher than 0.4 V. The reaction selectivity of EG oxidation also highly depends on its concentration. In the cyclic voltammograms recorded on the Pd electrode in 0.1 M NaOH, peak current of EG oxidation increases with increasing the concentration, and peak potential shifts positively. *In situ* FTIR results indicates that EG electrooxidation only yields CO_3^{2-} at the concentration of 2 mM EG; whereas $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ and CO_3^{2-} are the main products during 20 mM EG electrooxidation. At higher concentration (0.1 M and 1 M), EG oxidation generates a majority of incomplete oxidized products (glycolate and

glyoxylate) and a small amount of CO₂.

2. Dendritic Pt thin films were electrodeposited on a bulk Pt electrode in 10 mM K₂PtCl₆ + 0.3 mM PbAc₂ + 0.5 M HClO₄ by square wave potential. As deposition time increases, the length of Pt dendrites increases from about 400 nm to 900 nm, and the distribution density of Pt nanoparticles (~ 10 nm) consisting of Pt dendrites increases greatly, reducing the distance between nanoparticles. The IR shapes of adsorbed CO change as the following order: downward → bipolar (upward at high wavenumbers) → downward → bipolar (upward at high wavenumbers) → upward → bipolar (downward at high wavenumbers) → downward band with increasing deposition time. This result indicates that the anomalous infrared effects including Fano-like infrared effects (bipolar), surface enhanced IR absorption (SEIRA, enhanced normal downward band) and abnormal IR effects (AIREs, enhanced abnormal upward band) are highly depended on the architecture of surface nanostructures, and can be converted one into another.

3. The dendritic Pt electrode electrodeposited for 6 min had a large IR enhanced absorption for adsorbed species. In comparison with conventional Pt black electrode and smooth Pt electrode, this dendritic Pt nanostructure can yield a very intensive infrared signal ($\Delta R/R = 0.20$) for adsorbed CO due to both high enhanced effect ($\Delta_{IR} = 10$) and moderate roughness ($R_r = 14$). This fractal Pt structure may be used as highly sensitive infrared substrate to detect low-coverage adsorbed species. For CO adsorption system, the very weak combination bands of $\nu_{Pt-C} + \nu_{C=O}$ at 2450 cm⁻¹, whose band intensity is just about 1/3000 that of $\nu_{C=O}$, can be detected for the first time. Ethanol electro-oxidation on dendritic Pt nanostructure mostly yields CO₂, acetic acid and adsorbed CO. In addition, adsorbed CH₃COO⁻ can be observed at 1400 cm⁻¹. As for ammonia oxidation on Pt, the adsorbed species NH_{2,ads} (1240 cm⁻¹) acting as an active intermediate for the production of N₂, was successfully detected

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